

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 91

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kelley Dabbs of Greene County 911 upon her recognition as a Hometown Hero.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Kelley Dabbs, who was recently recognized as a Hometown Hero for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Greene County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dabbs began her career as a 911 dispatcher in 1993 as one of the eight original employees of the county's new 911 system; and

WHEREAS, in the beginning, the 911 center had a single computer system, and all call records were stored on paper; but over time, the call center evolved to include a multi-station mission control for dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, operating from Central Dispatch, Ms. Dabbs deftly dispatches calls to four fire stations, six medical units, multiple patrol deputies and police officers, one rescue squad, fourteen volunteer fire departments, and one emergency management office; and

WHEREAS, Kelley Dabbs is currently a certified training instructor, an emergency medical dispatch instructor, and a 911 officer instructor for the department; she is also involved with employee human resources, scheduling, information technology, 911 reports and call accounts, and equipment training and protocols; and

WHEREAS, yet despite her many responsibilities, Ms. Dabbs still finds time to fill her original position, that of 911 dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dabbs gives back to her community by assisting the rescue squad with fundraising events; she also managed an emergency management donation store for Hurricane Katrina evacuees in the area and helped others complete Red Cross paperwork; and

WHEREAS, Kelley Dabbs epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Kelley Dabbs of Greene County 911 upon being named a Hometown Hero and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.